dn Barley, Rs. 1000/qtls. for hybrid seeds of Bajra and Jowar, Rs. 800/ qtls. or 25% of the Seed cost which ever is less for Jute, Pulses, Oilseeds and Maize Seed and Rs. 2000/ qtls, for Cotton Seed: The amount of subsidy provided on urea is 11749 crores, on phosphorous and potash fertilizers (DiAmmoninum Phosphate, 11 Grades of Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potash complex fertilizers, Murate of Potash/Single Super Phosphate) is Rs. 6550 crores during 2005-06.

(b) and (c) Due consideration is given to small and marginal farmers under crop and seed development schemes. The objective behind giving subsidy is to make these inputs available to the farmers at affordable prices.

(d) Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms, Mass Media Support to Agriculture, Kissan Call Centres, Establishment of Agriclinic and Agri-Business Centres by Agriculture Graduates. Information dissemination through Krishi Melas, Pre-season Trainings, Farmer's Field School on Integrated Pest Management and Integrated Nutrient Management, Farmers Training, Block Demostration, Front line Demonstration, Farmer's Awareness campaign, Farmers' Exposure visit (inside and outside State), Soil Health Card and Health Management Programmes and Seed Village Programme are the measures taken by Government to educate the farmers in adopting modern agricultural technology.

Implementation of NAIS

1180. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State and the Union Territories where the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has not been implemented;

(b) the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented in all the State; and

(d) the details of the insurance companies implementing NAIS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), at present, is not being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh, Punjab, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Delhi, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep. These States/Union Territories have not opted for the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

(c) NAIS is open to all the States/UTs including those which have not implemented the scheme so far. It is for the States/UTs to exercise their option in favour implementation of the scheme. However, Government of India keeps on persuading non-implementing State/UTs to exercise their option in favour of implementation of NAIS as early as possible.

(d) NAIS, at present, is being implemented by Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) which was set up on the initiative of the Government of India in December, 2002. the Company has been promoted by General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC); National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and four Public Sector General Insurance Companies.

Promotion of Horticulture in Assam

1181. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas identified in the State of Assam to promote horticulture; and

(b) the details of financial assistance allocated by Government to develop the hortriculture in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal" since 2001-02. The state of Assam is also included under the above scheme.

The scheme is being implemented in a Mission mode approach to address all the issues related to development of horticulture in the Assam State.